An overview of Canada's FOREST SECTOR

HOW MUCH DOES CANADA'S FOREST SECTOR CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY?

In 2014, gross domestic product (GDP) for the forest sector in Canada was **$22.1 billion.**

In 2016, forest product exports were valued at **$29.5 billion.**

In 2016, employment in the forest sector was **205,660.**

Distribution of forest sector jobs across Canada, 2016

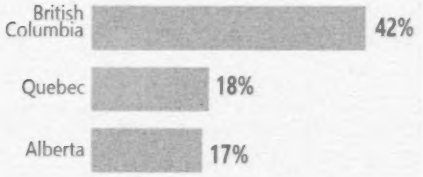
The forest sector includes North American Industry Classification codes 113, 1153, 321 and 322.

HOW VALUABLE ARE CANADA'S FOREST ASSETS?

Forests provide many products, but also ecosystem services such as water filtration, air purification, carbon sequestration, and recreational and spiritual services.

In 2016, the value of Canada's accessible timber stocks—a component of natural resource wealth—was estimated at **$215.4 billion.**

Volume of roundwood harvested, as a proportion of Canada's total



COMMUNITIES FOR WHICH THE FOREST SECTOR WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF INCOME

The forest sector continues to be an important provider of jobs and income in communities across the country, particularly in smaller and Indigenous communities. It was a major economic driver for 105 communities in 2016 compared to 463 in 2001.

2001
463 communities

2016
105 communities

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